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Seaham Urban District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR 1937

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health.

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1938.

Seaham Urban District Council.

Councillor J. H. BLACKWELL, J.P., Chairman.

Members of the Council:

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Officials:

Clerk of the Council—JNO. C. EDINGTON.

Medical Officer—J. A. NEILAN, L.R.C.S.I., L.R.C.P.I., D.P.H.

Engineer and Surveyor—J. B. ABBEY, M. INST. M. & CY. E., A.R.S.I.

Sanitary Inspector—B. TURNER, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Matron of Isolation Hospital—Miss HOOD.

To the Chairman and Members

of the

Seaham Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

In this Report it has been necessary to make an average adjustment in statistical calculations owing to the fact that at the beginning of the second quarter of the year your area was extended to include part of what was formerly the Easington Rural district.

Your area has been increased from 1366 to 2467 acres.

The estimated population is now 29380 and the number of inhabited houses 6929. Rateable value, £98996. 1d. rate produces £361.

The chief industry of the district is the mining and export of coal. There is also a small amount of agriculture.

The vital statistics show that the birth rate was 17.2, which is slightly higher than the County rate, 17.1.

The death rate, 10.3, is lower than the County rate, which was 12.4.

The infantile mortality rate has risen to 82.9, which is high compared with the rate of 71 for the Administrative County.

The zymotic death rate of .67 is higher than the County rate, which is .47. This is accounted for by the larger number of deaths (12) caused by diphtheria, of which 95 cases were notified.

97 cases of scarlatina were notified during the year. It was of a mild type and there were no deaths from the disease.

During the year 54 cases of pneumonia were notified. 26 deaths from this disease occurred. This is a very infectious and a very fatal disease, for which adequate hospital accommodation should be provided. At present this provision is inadequate. All the cases notified in this district were treated at their own homes.

Only 57 new houses were built during the year. This is rather a misleading figure, as two large schemes for slum clearance were initiated during the period under review which will necessitate the building of more than 800 houses during the coming year.

While considerable progress has been made in recent years in providing healthy housing conditions, the position still remains unsatisfactory. In an Urban district where an adequate supply of water is available in pipes in every street, it does not appear to me to be a very difficult matter to provide for a supply of hot and cold water in each dwelling, and any dwelling not so provided is not, in my opinion, suitable for human habitation.

A large number of houses in your area which are of substantial construction are at present quite unfit for habitation owing to the prevailing practice of letting them in one and two room tenancies. If the owners of these houses do not remedy this defect by converting these into self-contained flats with modern amenities, or letting them as self-contained single houses after bringing them up to modern requirements, the only remedy will be their total demolition.

Immediate steps should be taken to relieve overcrowding as there are still a large number of cases to be dealt with.

It is satisfactory to be able to report that your Council has recently initiated a scheme for the free immunisation against diphtheria of all children between the ages of 1 and 15 years.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in statute acres, 2,467; an increase of 1,366
Estimated Population, 29,380
Number of inhabited houses end of 1937, 6929

The chief industries of this district are mining and export of coal, and a small amount of agriculture.

Extracts from the Vital Statistics of the year.

			Total	M.	F.	
Births	Legitimate...	441	458	234	224	Birth Rate, 17:2
	Illegitimate...	17				

Deaths—226 Death Rate, 10.3

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth	from sepsis	1
	from other causes ...	4

Death of infants under one year of age per 1000 births 82.9
Legitimate, 35; Illegitimate, 3 – Total, 38
Deaths from measles (all ages)—1
Deaths from whooping cough (all ages)—0
Deaths from diarrhœa (under two years of age)—6
Rateable value—£98,996
Sum represented by a penny rate—£361

BIRTHS.

The number of births registered was 458, which is 98 more than in the previous year. Of these births 234 were male and 224 female, and 17 were illegitimate.

The birth rate was 17.2

The rate for the Administrative County of Durham for 1937 was 17·1, and that for England and Wales 14.9.

DEATHS.

276 deaths of persons belonging to this district occurred. Of these 152 were male and 124 female. The mortality rate was 10.3. The mortality rate for the Administrative County for 1937 was 12.4, and that for England and Wales, 12.4.

There were 5 deaths from accidents or diseases of parturition and pregnancy.

Zymotic Death Rate.—The following deaths occurred from zymotic diseases:—Diarrhœa, 6; Scarlet Fever, 0; Diphtheria, 12; Whooping Cough, 0—total of 18, which gives a rate of 0.67 as compared with 0.47 for the County of Durham. The highest recorded rate for this area was 4.4 in 1894.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The Infantile Mortality rate is calculated by the number of deaths under one year of age per 1,000 infants born alive.

38 deaths of infants under one year of age occurred. This gives a rate of 82·9. The rate for the Administrative County of Durham was 71, and was 214 in 1897, and 196 in 1911 in your own district.

The following table gives the principal Vital Statistics for Seaham as compared with those for the Administrative County of Durham :

	Administrative County of Durham		Seaham	
	1936	1937	1936	1937
Birth Rate	17·3	17·1	18·6	17·2
Death Rate	11·9	12·4	9·3	10·3
Zymotic Death Rate	0·55	0·47	0·1	0·7
Smallpox	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Scarlet Fever	0·05	0·02	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria	0·22	0·26	0·05	0·45
Enteric Fever	0·01	Nil	Nil	Nil
Measles	0·06	0·03	Nil	0·03
Whooping Cough	0·09	0·04	0·5	Nil
Diarrhœa under 2	0·12	0·11	Nil	0.22
,, over 2	0·05	0·05	Nil	Nil
Phthisis	0·62	0·59	0·3	0·41
Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy	0·92	1·05	0·8	1.4
Influenza	0·14	0·36	Nil	0·03
Infantile Mortality Rate ..	71	71	66.6	82·9

Causes of Death during the Year.

	All Causes.	M	F
1	Typhoid Fever		
2	Measles	1	
3	Scarlet Fever		
4	Whooping Cough		
5	Diphtheria	9	3
6	Influenza		1
7	Encephalitis Lethargica		
8	Cerebro-Spinal Fever		
9	Respiratory Tuberculosis	4	7
10	Other Tuberculosis diseases.. ..	1	5
11	Syphilis	1	
12	General Paralysis of Insane, etc. ..		
13	Cancer, malignant disease	15	17
14	Diabetes	1	4
15	Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c.	6	6
16	Heart Disease	28	22
17	Aneurysm		
18	Other Circulatory Diseases	11	8
19	Bronchitis	9	3
20	Pneumonia (all forms)	17	9
21	Other respiratory diseases	3	2
22	Peptic Ulcer		
23	Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years) ..	3	3
24	Appendicitis and Typhlitis	1	
25	Cirrhosis of Liver		
26	Other Liver Diseases		3
27	Other Digestive Diseases	3	2
28	Acute and chronic Nephritis ..	4	5
29	Puerperal Sepsis		1
30	Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition		4
31	Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth	14	9
32	Senility	1	3
33	Suicide..		
34	Other deaths from violence	8	3
35	Other defined diseases	12	4
36	Causes ill-defined		
		152	124

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

The following diseases have been notified:—Diphtheria, 95; scarlet fever, 97; erysipelas, 4; pneumonia, 54; pulmonary tuberculosis, 25; non-pulmonary tuberculosis, 10; puerperal sepsis, 3; enteric fever, 0; cerebro spinal fever, 0—a total of 288 as compared with 190 in 1936.

Diphtheria.—95 cases were notified, and 77 admitted to hospital. 12 deaths occurred. Antitoxin is supplied free of charge to the practitioners in the area, and I cannot too strongly emphasise the importance of its early administration.

Scarlet Fever.—97 cases were notified. 63 were removed to Hospital. No deaths occurred.

Measles.—This disease was again epidemic in a mild type. 1 death occurred.

Tuberculosis.—25 cases of pulmonary and 10 of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified. All cases are sent to the Tuberculosis Dispensary in Sunderland. All deaths from this disease were notified.

Smallpox.—No case occurred.

Whooping Cough was prevalent in a mild form. No death occurred. Children with this disease should not be sent to school.

Enteric Fever.—No case occurred.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	NEW CASES			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
0 ..				
1 ..		1	2	1
5 ..				1
10 ..	1			2
15 ..	3	2		
20 ..	1	2		
25 ..	3	1		
35 ..	4	3		1
45 ..	1	2		1
55 ..			1	
65 upwards	1		1	
TOTALS ..	14	11	4	6

Notifiable Diseases during the year.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	95	77	12
Scarlet Fever	97	62	0
Erysipelas	4	0	0
Pneumonia	54	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia Sepsis ..	3	0	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Fever ..	0	0	0

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Cases			Vision Unimpaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
Notified	Treated					
	At Home	In Hospital				
1	1	0	1	0	0	0

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

CASES NOTIFIED AT THE FOLLOWING AGES:—

Disease	Under 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	5-10 years	10-15 years	15-20 years	20-35 years	35-45 years	45-65 years	65 and over
Scarlet Fever		2	11	7	5	32	23	13	3		1	
Erysipelas									1	1		
Pneumonia	2	2	1	4		6	3	5	8	7	12	4
Diphtheria		3	3	4	11	52	17	3	2			
Puerperal Sepsis									2	1		
Enteric Fever									2	1		
Cerebro Spinal Fever ..												
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	1						1	5	7	6	4	1
Non-Pulmonary ,, ..					3	1	2			1	2	1

Professional Nursing in the Home.—It affords me great pleasure to report that there are three Nursing Associations in the area. They are affiliated with the Durham County Nursing Association. Five nurses are employed who are doing much valuable work.

Midwives.—There are 7 midwives practising in the area. They are subsidised by Durham County Council.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.—The only treatment centre in the district is the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, which was opened in January, 1921. It is situated on a convenient site in Londonderry Road, and consists of a waiting room, consulting room, weighing room, and a room for dental treatment, with a shed for perambulators. The centre has been well attended.

Hospitals.—The Isolation Hospital in Princess Road consists of two wards and the administrative block, affording accommodation for twelve patients. 63 cases of scarlet fever were admitted. No deaths occurred. 77 cases of diphtheria were taken to hospitals outside area. 12 of these died.

There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers.

Ambulance Facilities.—There is a horse ambulance and motor ambulance for infectious cases, and two motor ambulances, each capable of taking two patients, for accidents and non-infectious cases.

Laboratory Work.—Arrangements have been made by the Durham County Council with the Newcastle College of Medicine for pathological and bacteriological examinations. Local practitioners have taken advantage of these arrangements in suspected cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and diphtheria.

Adoptive Acts.—The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 (Parts II and III, adopted 1894), and the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 (Parts II, III, IV, and VI, adopted 1909), are in force in the district.

Byelaws.—The following are in force in the district:—

New Streets and Buildings allowed by the Local Government Board in 1899 and 1913.

Slaughter-houses, allowed by the Local Government Board in 1899.

Prevention of Nuisances, allowed by the Local Government Board in 1899.

Common Lodging Houses, allowed by the Local Government Board in 1899.

Omnibuses, allowed by the Local Government Board in 1901.

The Regulations respecting Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk-shops, 1903, Milk and Dairies (Amendment Act), 1922.

Byelaws relating to New Streets were revised and allowed by the Local Government Board during 1913, the main revision being the introduction of the "Avenue" type of short streets.

The Byelaws for New Streets and Buildings have been approved by the Ministry.

Byelaws to regulate the Terrace Green, Sea Banks, and Pleasure Grounds, 1914.

Byelaws with respect to houses intended or used for occupation by the working classes, 1936. P.H.A.

The Council is now responsible for administration of Shops Act, 1936, in their area.

Sanitary Administration, &c.

Tabular summary of the work of the Sanitary Department during the year, and action taken under the Public Health Acts or Byelaws, &c.

Inspection of places where food is prepared.	The bakehouses have been regularly inspected and found in good order.
Slaughter-houses.	There are 14 on the register, which have been inspected and found satisfactory. Number of inspections, 2328. 62 stones of meat, fish, etc., were condemned.
Disinfection and Disinfestation and the extent of their use.	There is a Thresh disinfector at the isolation hospital. 157 lots of bedding and 157 houses were disinfected after infectious disease, and the elementary schools when required.
Other disinfections, including Slum Clearance	414.

Action under Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk-shops Order.	The milkshops have been frequently inspected and found in a satisfactory condition. There are 9 dairies, which are kept clean and in good order. See report of Veterinary Officer. 9 licenses have been issued under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922.
Action under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and the Milk & Cream Regulations, if the County Council is a Local Authority under those Acts.	The County Council acts for the local authority and carries out all inspections.
Scavenging.	This work is done by the employees of the Council. The refuse is tipped into the sea at a point south of the town, and also New Seaham and the Dene. 20,707 tons have been removed during the year.
Lodging Houses.	There are none in the district.
Theatres.	There are four in the area. They have been regularly inspected and found in a satisfactory condition.
Sewers and Sewage Disposal.	Now satisfactory.
Factories and Workshops.	There are in the town 9 factories, 23 workshops and 7 work-places. They have been inspected by the Sanitary Inspector and myself and found in good order. There are no out-workers and no underground bakehouses.
Water.	The water supplied by the Sunderland and South Shields Water Company has been satisfactory in every respect. The supply is continuous.

665 informal written notices were served by the Inspector for the following insanitary conditions. The nuisances were all abated.

Dwelling-houses and Schools	Foul conditions..	78
	Structural defects	93
	Overcrowding ..	—
Lodging Houses ..		—
Dairies and Milkshops		—
Cowsheds		—
Bakehouses		—
Slaughter-houses		—
Ashpits and Privies		12
Deposits of Refuse and Manure		10
Water Closets		60
Defective Yard Paving		6
House Drainage	Defective Traps	—
	No Disconnection from Sewers	1
	Other faults ..	25
Water Supply		1
Pigsties		—
Animals Improperly Kept		—
Offensive Trades..		—
Smoke Nuisances		14
Other Nuisances (Ash Bins)		365
	Total..	665

Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer.

Surveyor and Engineer Sanitary Inspector

Health Visitors :

The Health Visitors are employed by the County Council, and are under the direction of the County Medical Officer of Health.

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

Report by Veterinary Officer upon inspections carried out in the Seaham Urban District during the year 1937.

1	No. of visits to cowkeepers	11
2	No. of cows examined	275
3	General condition and type of cows ...	Fairly good
4	General cleanliness of cows	Good
5	General conditions of sanitation ...	Fairly good
6	Chief methods of milk disposal ...	Retail and wholesale
7	Number of animals slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order:	
	(a) Tuberculosis of the udder or giving T.B. milk ...	0
	(b) Other forms of Tuberculosis	2
		2
8	No. of cases of diseases other than Tuberculosis (Mastitis) ...	6

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

A satisfactory standard of cleanliness has been maintained in this district since my last report. The condition of the cows is fairly good.

Signed,
T. JOHNSTON,
Veterinary Officer.

25th January, 1938.

GENERAL SANITATION, HOUSING, &c.

Number of water closets in the district	... ...	6929
,, ash closets	... ...	Nil
,, ashpit privies	... ...	12

66 houses have been erected during the year, and of these 57 were part of the municipal scheme, which makes a total of 1,785 houses erected by the Local Authority.

The table overleaf shows at a glance the present position of your Slum Clearance Schemes, and that on page 19 of your Municipal Housing Schemes.

SLUM CLEARANCE SCHEMES.

Statement regarding (A) Clearance Orders and (B) Compulsory Purchase Orders, considered at Public Enquiries held by Inspectors of the Ministry of Health at Seaham, Jan. 23—25, Nov. 14 and 15, 1934, Dec. 3, 1935, June 24 and Dec. 31, 1936, Nov. 23, 1937, and Feb. 9, 1938.

No.	Situation	No. of Displacements		No. of Persons for whom new houses will provide accommodation	No. of Houses required	Decision of Ministry of Health			
		Persons	Houses			No. of Houses confirmed for demolition	No. of Houses coloured Grey	No. of Houses etc., coloured Green	No. of Persons excluded
	(A) Clearance Orders.								
1	Low Ropery	97	16	106	23	16			
2	Pilot Terrace	68	7	79	19	7			
3	Pilot Cottages	14	4	16	4	4			
7	John Street, South side ...	193	30	209	43	30			
8	North Railway St. (Portion A)	60	13	59	15	13			
11	John Street (Portion)	71	8	64	12	8			
14	Back North Railway Street ...	21	2	21	4	2			
15	Back North Terr. (Portion A)	46	6	54	12	6			
16	Do. (Portion B)	55	8	62	13	7	1		7
17	Do. (Portion C)	43	8	63	17	3	5		29
18	Rutherford's Buildings ...	28	6	33	7	4	2		4
19	Back North Church Street ...	48	6	46	10	6			
20	Green Street (Portion A) ...	29	5	32	7	5			
21	Do. (Portion B) ...	5	2	8	3	2			
22	Do. (Portion C) ...	34	7	42	11	7			
23	Do. (Portion D) ...	29	3	34	7	3			
24	Adolphus Street...	45	6	50	11	6			
25	South Terrace	13	2	16	4	2			
26	Foundry Houses	23	6	24	6	6			
27	1, Pilot Terrace	13	2	14	3	2			
28	Dawdon Hill Farm	14	3	16	3	3			
29	Dene Cottages	17	5	18	4	5			
31	Church Street (Portion A) ...	10	2	10	2	2			
33	Green Street (Portion E) ...	20	2	24	6	2			
34	Adelaide Row (Portion A) ...	14	4	17	4	4			
35	Do. (Portion B) ...	24	5	24	5	5			
37	Seaham William Street ...	317	87	320	87	87			
38	Mill Cottages, South	15	5	18	5	4			
39	Do. North	33	9	38	9	9			
42	Brickworks Cottages	18	5	19	4				
43	Bankhead Cottages	9	2	10	2				

4	South Railway St., East End	101	19	119	24	15	4		
5	Do. West End	295	43	314	72	41	2		
6	Henry Street	186	38	198	47	37	1		
9	North Railway St. (Portion B)	59	7	66	12	7			
10	Do. (Portion C)	51	9	54	12	6	3		
12	William Street	424	59	497	109	55	4		
13	Henry Street (Portion) ...	37	11	48	11	8	3		
30	Swinebank Cottages	481	83	509	89	83			
36	Seaham High Colliery... ...	2341	503	2342	517	502	1		
40	Do. Low do.	908	185	908	182				
41	Seaham Church Street... ...	65	26	66	23				
		4948	981	5121	1098	754	18	—	—
	Summary—Clearance Orders	1426	276	1546	362	260	8	—	40
	Compulsory Purchase Orders	4948	981	5121	1098	754	18	—	—
	Grand Totals	6374	1257	6667	1460	1014	26	—	40

STATEMENT SHOWING WEEKLY INCLUSIVE RENTS,

For Half-year ending 30th September, 1938. General Rate, 9/8 in the £.

	Number of Houses	Type	No. of Rooms	Nett Weekly Rent	General Rate	Water Rate	Electricity Charge	Total weekly rent, including rates	Total weekly rent last half-year	Increase
Rateable Value, £5	150	B	2	(Inclusive	weekly	rent)		6/0	6/0	—
,, £7	82	B	2	3/1	2/3	5d.	3d.	6/0	6/0	—
,, £9	24	A	3	5/3	2/10	8d.	—	8/9	8/4	5d.
,, £10	202	A	3	3/8	3/2	8d.	3d.	7/9	7/6	3d.
,, £10	21	A	3	4/9	3/2	8d.	3d.	8/10	8/7	3d.
,, £10	30	A	3	5/3	3/2	8d.	3d.	9/4	9/1	3d.
,, £10	83	A	4	5/7	3/2	8d.	—	9/5	9/2	3d.
,, £10	36	A	4	6/9	3/2	8d.	—	10/7	10/4	3d.
,, £11	108	A	4	3/10	3/6	8d.	3d.	8/3	8/1	2d.
,, £11	40	A	4	5/3	3/6	8d.	3d.	9/8	9/6	2d.
,, £11	30	A	4	6/3	3/6	8d.	3d.	10/8	10/6	2d.
,, £11	578	B	3	6/6	3/6	8d.	—	10/8	10/6	2d.
,, £12	66	A	5	4/1	3/10	9d.	3d.	8/11	8/7	4d.
,, £12	16	A	5	5/7	3/10	9d.	3d.	10/5	10/1	4d.
,, £12	107	B	4	7/3	3/10	9d.	—	11/10	11/6	4d.
,, £12	22	A	5	7/3	3/10	9d.	3d.	12/1	11/9	4d.
,, £12	130	A	4	7/6	3/11	8d.	—	12/1	11/9	4d.
,, £12	33	A	5	8/0	3/10	9d.	—	12/7	12/3	4d.
,, £12	112	A	4	8/0	3/10	9d.	—	12/7	12/3	4d.
,, £13	54	A	5	8/6	4/1½	8½d.	—	13/4	13/2	2d.
,, £14	4	A	5	7/6	5/2	10d.	—	13/6	12/10	8d.
	1928									

Type A—House. Type B—Cottage.

W. J. DRING, Accountant.

1.—INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:—

1—(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	3075
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose...	5469
2—(a) Number of dwelling-houses, included under sub-heading	
(1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	988
(2) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	2324
3—Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	838
4—Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	1437

2.—REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	115

3.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:—

A—Proceedings under sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930.

1—Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	0
2—Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By owners	0
(b) By local authority in default of owners...	0

B—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

1—Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	115
2—Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	115
(b) By local authority in default of owners ..	Nil

C—Proceedings under sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930—

1—Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	10
2—Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	84

D—Proceedings under section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930.

1—Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	0
2—Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	0

Port Sanitary Authority.

I beg to report that the number of ships inspected by the Medical Officer was 30, and that 131 were inspected by the Sanitary Inspector. The conditions were found satisfactory.

No case of infectious disease occurred on board a ship.

The quarantine station is situated in the south-east corner of the south dock, and it has been arranged that any ship arriving with illness on board will be at once reported to the Medical Officer, and no person permitted to leave the ship until they have been inspected.

Arrangements have been made for the cleansing of verminous persons and their belongings. Infected articles would be disinfected at the Isolation Hospital. The erection of a steam disinfecting apparatus is considered too expensive at the present time.

Arrangements have been made for the destruction of rats by the Durham County Council. There are few rats at the dock, or on board the ships trading with the port, as there is no grain imported.

The exports consisted of coal and coke. The imports consisted of cargoes of timber.

The principal ports with which trade is carried on are London, Dover, Ipswich, Aberdeen, Copenhagen, Christiania, Rouen, Stockholm, Antwerp, and Hamburg.

The following regulations have been made between your Council and the Board of Customs and Excise, regarding the Mooring Station in the South Dock.

The Board formally agree to the establishment, under Article 10 of the Port Sanitary Regulations, 1933, of the undermentioned Mooring Station for Ships arriving at Seaham Harbour, viz.:—

"The South East corner of South Dock."

This Agreement is subject to the following understandings:

(*a*) That the mooring place is for all ships which may be unhealthy under the regulations, and

(*b*) That a standing exemption from detention under Article 14 has been granted by the Medical Officer in respect of

(*i*) Ships with minor infectious diseases (other than Scarlet Fever or Typhoid), and

(*ii*) Ships otherwise clean arriving from Ports in areas listed under Article II.

Amount of Shipping entering the Port Sanitary District during the year 1937.

		Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number reported to be defective	Number of Orders issued
				By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector		
Foreign	Steamers and Motor Vessels	267	215,911	16	60	Nil	Nil
	Sailing ..						
	Fishing ..						
Total Foreign Going ..		267	215,911	16	60		
Coastwise	Steamers and Motor Vessels	1007	559,275	14	71	Nil	Nil
	Sailing ..						
	Fishing ..	14	530				
Total Coastwise ..		1021	559,805	14	71		
Total Foreign Going and Coastwise		1,288	775,716	30	131		

Total Shipped from Docks—1,924,000 Tons.

TABLE A.

1—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises (1)	Number of Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Prosecutions (4)
FACTORIES .. .. .. (Including Factory Laundries)	18	Nil	Nil
WORKSHOPS .. .. .. (Including Workshop Laundries)	19	Nil	Nil
WORKPLACES .. .. .. (Other than Outworkers' premises)	10	Nil	Nil
Total ..	47	Nil	Nil

2—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H. M. Inspector (4)	Number of Prosecutions (5)
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:				
Want of cleanliness				
Want of ventilation				
Overcrowding				
Want of drainage of floors				
Other nuisances..				
Sanitary accommodation { insufficient .. .. / unsuitable or defective / not separate for sexes ..	Nil			
Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts:				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse s. 101				
Other offences .. .. .. (Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule of the Ministry of Health, Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers Order, 1921).				
Total ..				

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
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May, 1938.